Government is consultation with various stakeholders is examinig the recommedations of the Task Force. Based on this a new Pharmaceutical Policy is likely to be announced shortly.

FCI Depots

t1843. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) The number of base depots of FCI for the distribution of foodgrains under the PDS, State-wise;

(b) whether these depots are sufficient for fulfilling the requirements of the States, particularly of Bihar;

(c) whether Government propose to open more depots in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As on 30th September, 2005 the Food Corporation of India (FCI) had a total of 1451 godowns (owned/hired/covered/CAP) with a total storage capacity of 247.74 lakh MTs. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. However, in Bihar State, the six godowns are under construction by Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/ State Warehousing Corporation under Seven Years Guarantee Scheme. The details are as under:—

Name of the Place	Constructing Agency	Capacity
Siwan	CWC	5000MTs
Supaul	CWC	5000MTS
Teghra	CWC	2500MTS
Bhagalpur	SWC	3000MTS
Raxual	SWC	9000MTS
Sasaram	SWC	10000MTs

Further, two godowns from CWC and five godowns from SWC constructed under Seven Years Guarantee Scheme have been taken over by FCI. The details are as under:—

†riginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Name of the Place	Constructing Agency	Capacity
Siwan	CWC	5000MTS
Madhepura	CWC	5000MTs
Ara	SWC	977MTs
Forbesganj	SWC	3140MTS
Gulabbagh(Pumea)	SWC	3125MTS
Sitamarhi	SWC	2500MTS
Betiah	SWC	5000MTS

Statement

State-wise number of Godowns and Storage Capacity available with the Food Corporation of India as on 30.09.2005

State	Number of Godowns (Covered & Cap)
Bihar	45
Jharkhand	16
Orissa	65
West Bengal	41
Sikkim	2
Assam	35
Arunachal Pradesh	4
Meghalaya	6
Mizoram	5
Tripura	6
Manipur	2
Nagaland	5
Delhi	10
Haryana	132

State	Number of Godowns (Covered & Cap)
Himachal Pradesh	16
Jammu & Kashmir	18
Punjab	351
Chandigarh	15
Rajasthan	63
Uttar Pradesh	126
Uttaranchal	28
Andhra Pradesh	140
Kerala	29
Karnataka	58
Tamil Nadu	31
Pondicherry	5
Gujarat	25
Maharashtra	63
Goa	1
Madhya Pradesh	59
Chhattisgarh	49
TOTAL:	1451.

Nutritious flour and foodgrains under PDS

t1844. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to distribute nutritious flour and nutritious foodgrains under Public Distribution System in order to overcome the problem of malnutrition prevalent in pregnant ladies and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, whether Government would formulate any comprehensive scheme in this regard?

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